

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 79-97

MONTARA SANITARY DISTRICT

ORDER AMENDING ORDER NO. 77-155 AND GRANTING
ADDITIONAL DISCHARGES TO THE DISTRICT'S
SEWER SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ORDER NO. 77-155

I. FINDINGS

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, finds that:

- A. On December 17, 1974, the Regional Board adopted Order No. 74-187 (NPDES NO. CA0037486) prescribing waste discharge requirements for the discharge by the Montara Sanitary District, hereinafter referred to as the discharger.
- B. On July 15, 1975, the Regional Board adopted Order No. 75-39 to amend Order No. 74-187 to revise the compliance time schedule.
- C. On June 21, 1977, the Regional Board adopted Order No. 77-57 to further amend Order No. 74-187 to revise requirements.
- D. On March 15, 1977, the Regional Board adopted Order No. 77-21, Cease and Desist Order which required the discharger to comply with waste discharge requirements according to a compliance time schedule.
- E. On December 20, 1977, this Board rescinded Order No. 77-21 and adopted Cease and Desist Order No. 77-155 which prohibited additional discharges to the District's sewer system and amended the Compliance Time Schedule.
- F. On March 20, 1979, this Board adopted Order No. 79-39 (NPDES No. CA0038598) prescribing waste discharge requirements for the discharge by the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (SAM), City of Half Moon Bay, Montara Sanitary District and Granada Sanitary District. The discharge of the combined effluent will not commence until the construction of the outfall, interceptors and pump stations are completed. The Order amended the compliance time schedule in Order No. 77-155.
- G. On January 12, 1979, the Regional Board filed legal action against SAM, the City of Half Moon Bay, Montara Sanitary District and Granada Sanitary District requesting the court to order them to comply with all existing Regional Board Orders.
- H. On May 10, 1979, the Santa Clara County Superior Court issued a preliminary injunction ordering SAM and all the member agencies to comply with all existing Board Orders.

- I. On April 2, 1979, Montara Sanitary District passed a Resolution accepting the state grant conditions on the SAM project as modified and a motion through SAM accepting the court stipulated injunction as conditioned.
- J. On May 23, 1979, the Montara Sanitary District adopted Resolution #390 accepting Coastal Permit Nos. P79-93, P79-94 and P79-95 from the Central Coastal Zone Conservation Commission. These permits are required for the construction of the Phase I SAM project.
- K. On July 2, 1979, SAM amended its Joint Power Agreement to indicate its willingness and capability to comply with all Regional Board permit requirements and grant conditions.
- L. On July 12, 1979, SAM awarded the construction contract for Unit 1, consisting of the interceptor pipeline. On July 23, 1979, SAM awarded the construction contract for Unit 4, consisting of the outfall and effluent pump station. Unit 2, consisting of the remaining pump stations and intertie pipelines necessary for operation of the system, has not been awarded.
- M. The award of the contract for the outfall satisfies one of the tasks specified in CDO No. 77-155 for consideration of partial removal of the prohibition.
- N. Compliance with effluent limitations for Settleable Solids of Order No. 77-155 and Time Schedule of Order Nos. 77-155 and 79-35 has deteriorated but non-compliance with construction Time Schedule of Order No. 79-35 was beyond the District's control. Therefore, mitigation measures are necessary to improve treatment plant performance before additional discharges can be allowed for the District's sewer system.
- O. The District is currently discharging an average dry weather flow of approximately 0.18 MGD. The Board finds that an increase of average dry weather flow to approximately 0.325 MGD will not significantly impair water quality or beneficial uses. This flow increase is the equivalent of 604 single family dwelling discharges to the sewer system.
- P. The diversion of wastewater flow from Granada Sanitary District to Montara Sanitary District for treatment and disposal would increase the hydraulic and organic loadings to the Montara treatment facilities and result in increase in waste loadings to the receiving water unless some mitigation measures are taken.
- Q. This action is an order to enforce waste discharge requirements previously adopted by the Board. This action is therefore categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15121 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.
- R. Starting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 1979, in the Multi-Use Room of the Alvin S. Hatch Elementary School, Miramontes Streets, Half Moon Bay, after due notice to the discharger and other affected persons, a hearing panel of the Regional Board conducted a public hearing at which the discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.

- S. Upon the basis of the evidence received, the hearing panel recommended that the Regional Board conditionally grant partial removal of the prohibition of additional discharges to the District's sewer system. The basis for granting added connections is the Award of Construction Contract for the SAM outfall and the District's demonstrated willingness to proceed with the SAM Phase I regional project. The Regional Board has independently reviewed the panel hearing record.

II. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- A. The prohibition of additional discharge to the sewer system, as provided in Order No. 77-156, is partially removed and the District is allowed additional discharges to the sewer system in an amount not to exceed a flow equivalent of 237 single family dwellings using an average of 240 gallons per day per household. The partial removal of said prohibition is subject to an shall not be effective until the following condition is satisfied:
- (1) A satisfactory plan and commitment by the District shall be submitted to the Executive Officer prior to additional connections to improve the treatment efficiency of the plant and decrease the pollutant loadings discharged to the Pacific Ocean.
- B. The additional discharges to the District's Sewer System, beyond that provided in paragraph II, Section A shall be allowed to implement a possible agreement between the District and Granada Sanitary District for the transportation, treatment and disposal of Granada discharges via the Montara Sewerage System as specified in Order No. 79-96 , adopted by the Regional Board on August 21, 1979. The increase in flow which results from the agreement and the flow which results from paragraph II, Section A above, shall not exceed the equivalent of 604 single dwelling discharges to the sewer system. This provision shall not be effective until the condition specified in paragraph II, Section A has been satisfied.
- C. Paragraph II. D, tasks #1, 2, and 3 of Order No. 77-155 are amended to read as follows:
1. Award construction contracts for interceptors which shall include all conveyance facilities, interties and pumping facilities to transport wastewater flow from Montara and Granada service areas to Half Moon Bay for treatment and/or disposal.
2. Comply with discharge prohibitions C.1., C.2., and C.3.

I, Fred H. Dierker, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on August 21, 1979.

FRED H. DIERKER
Executive Officer